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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: CC Docket No. 95-116  
EX PARTE NOTICE**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday June 18, 2004, Randy Houdek of Venture Communications Cooperative, Darla Rogers of Riter, Rogers, Wattier & Brown, LLP, and I met with Jessica Rosenworcel, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps, to discuss the impact of the Commission's proceeding on intermodal porting (*rel.* Nov. 10, 2003) (FCC 03-284) and the Enforcement Bureau's recent Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (*rel.* May 13, 2004) (DA 04-1304) on rural telephone companies. Mr. Houdek and Ms. Rogers attended the meeting by teleconference.

The participants discussed FCC actions that would facilitate consumer-friendly local number portability. A handout was provided, a copy of which is attached, describing the nature of the proposed actions.

Consistent with section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206, one copy of this notice is being filed electronically in the above-captioned proceedings. Please direct any questions concerning the above matter to the undersigned at (202) 659-0830.

Sincerely,

/s/ Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr.  
Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr.

Attachments

cc: Jessica Rosenworcel (Room 8-A302)

# **ATTACHMENT**

## **FCC ACTIONS THAT WOULD FACILITATE CONSUMER-FRIENDLY LNP**

1. Require cooperation among carriers that are implementing LNP, especially when they interconnect with carriers that are not LNP capable.
  - a. LECs are not LNP capable where they have not received an LNP request and
  - b. Where the state commission has granted a suspension of the requirement.
2. Extend the “default-dip requirement imposed on LECs to all carriers.
  - a. The default dip requirement in the FCC’s rules only applies to LECs.
  - b. A default dip requirement is necessary where carriers are not LNP capable.
3. Acknowledge the right of rural LECs to obtain suspension/modification of the LNP requirement.